

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 767

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the memory of Betty  
Delaine Bradford Freeman upon her induction  
into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens dedicated to promoting the importance of farming in our society; and

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those citizens involved in agriculture have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual was the late Betty Delaine Bradford Freeman, who was recently posthumously inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame for her life's work as an agricultural advocate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman was born in Pulaski in 1939 to Thomas "Lester" and Lucille Bradford; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school in Marshall County, Betty Freeman became a licensed lab technician and became employed in Dalton, Georgia, prior to returning to Tennessee and attending Middle Tennessee State College, where she met and later married John Bryan Freeman; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Freeman's tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps, he and Mrs. Freeman returned to live in Wilson County, where they started a family before purchasing land out in the country and beginning a new home known as "Freeman Foals"; and

WHEREAS, an avid equestrian, Betty attended every Equine Reproductive Management course she could and began her career in breeding with a couple of mares; over the years, she bred several World Champions; and

WHEREAS, in her breeding career, Mrs. Freeman raised more than 300 foals and was viewed by her peers as one of the breeding experts in the Tennessee Walking Horse world; and

WHEREAS, Betty Freeman served with acumen and alacrity as an Executive Director and board member of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, working for mandatory blood typing of the horses to accurately determine genealogy; and

WHEREAS, she also served on one of the first Wilson County Agriculture Committees, was the co-founder of the Lebanon Democrat Charity Classic horse show in Lebanon, was a member of the Lebanon Jaycettes and the Year Round Garden Club, and served on the Board of Directors of Hearthside Retirement Center; and

WHEREAS, Betty Freeman was an active and devout member of the College Hills Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Freeman was perhaps most proud of the love and companionship she shared with her husband, John Bryan Freeman; their children, Delaine Freeman Smith and John Bradford Freeman; and their seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens who have committed their lives to developing and maintaining the highest agricultural standards and principles, and it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor the late Betty Freeman for her lifetime of achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Betty Delaine Bradford Freeman upon her posthumous induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame and recognize her laudable contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.